

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: March 2, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Hybrid – Distance Learning Lab and Virtual (+1 475-441-4825 / PIN: 932 356 195#)
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School Committee Members Present

Dyana Boutwell

Scott Buckley

Jeff Friedman

Rich McGowan

Noelle Rudloff

Staff Members Present

Patrick Daly – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Assistant Superintendent of Finance
and Operations

Sean Killeen – Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 5:30 pm.

II. A. Public Input: There was no public input.

II. B. Student Report:

Sophie Saquet, Class of 2024 provided the student report and presented her class work.

II. D.1. Digital Learning Update:

Dr. Daniel Downs, Director of Digital Learning, provided an update on the latest goals and achievements of the Digital Learning Department for the North Reading Public School District.

III. D.2. Social Emotional Learning:

Mr. Sean Killeen, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, provided an update on Social Emotional Learning for the North Reading Public Schools. Mr. Killeen presented recommendations for our participation in the DESE Views of Climate and Learning (VOCAL) survey and the Social Emotional Learning Indicator System (SELIS) survey to collect important aggregate data about school climate, student wellness, bullying, and belonging.

Dr. Daly gave an update on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey at North Reading High School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to approve North Reading participating in the VOCAL program. Motion approved 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to approve North Reading participate in Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Motion approved 5-0.

The School Committee is in consensus to support applying for the SELIS grant.

II. D.3. Town Meeting Warrant Article:

Dr. Daly presented a recommendation to add a Town Meeting Warrant Article that would transfer additional funds in the Special Education Stabilization/Reserve fund for unanticipated special education costs.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to support the submission of this Warrant Article for the June Town Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.4. First Reading, Policy IHC-R: Grading, Weighted Grade Point Average and Class Rank

Mr. Friedman presented the language updates on revised policy IHC-R which has been updated since the last School Committee meeting on January 9, 2023, and presented for the first reading approval.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to have a first reading approval of Policy IHC-R: Grading, Weighted Grade Point Average and Class Rank. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.5. First Reading - Policy IMG: Animals in School

Dr. Daly presented a new policy, IMG, which relates to Animals in School. The School Committee discussed the possible issues with the new policy. Further discussion is planned. No vote was taken.

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to approve the Open Session minutes of the School Committee meeting of February 13, 2023 as written. Motion passed 4-0-1, Ms. Boutwell abstained.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Michael Connelly, the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations provided a FY'23 budget update.

II. E.3 Staffing: No staffing update.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

- Batchelder School Parents' Association – Donation of \$941.00 to help fund Grade 1 Drumlin Farm field trip.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to accept with gratitude a donation of \$941.00 from the Batchelder School Parents' Association to help fund the Grade 1 Drumlin Farm Field trip. Motion passed 5-0.

II. E.5. Grants: None at this time.**II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:**

Mr. Buckley and Mr. McGowan gave an update on the February 17, 2023 Financial Planning Team.

Future Subcommittee Schedule

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| • Athletic Subcommittee | March 7, 2023 | 12:00 PM |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee | March 8, 2023 | 3:15 PM |
| • Financial Planning Team | March 10, 2023 | 8:15 AM |

II. F.2 Administrative Report: None at this time.**II. F.3. Correspondence:** None at this time.**III. Future Business:**

Monday	March 6, 2023	7:00 PM	Special Town Meeting
Monday	March 13, 2023	6:30 PM	J. Turner Hood School Presentation
Monday	March 27, 2023	6:30 PM	North Reading Middle School Presentation
Monday	April 3, 2023	8:45 AM	Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Workshop
Monday	April 10, 2023	6:30 PM	Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Public Hearing

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to adjourn the Open Session at 7:01 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. PowerPoint – Digital Learning Updates
2. PowerPoint – Social Emotional Learning Updates
3. Town Meeting Warrant Article
4. Policy – IHC-R – Grading, Weighted Grade Point Average and Class Rank
5. Policy – IMG – Animals in School
6. Minutes – Open Session – February 13, 2023
7. FY23 February Budget Report
8. Gift Acceptance Memo – Batchelder School Parents’ Association